

Readers Theater

The Three Snow Bears

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Discipline / Subject: Language Arts/Fine Arts

Topic: Readers Theater using Jan Brett's book, *The Three Snow Bears*

Grade Level: PK-Kindergarten – Readers Theater 1
First and Second Grade – Readers Theater 2

Resources / References / Materials Teacher Needs:

Copies of the attached script, one per student and one for the teacher.

Lesson Summary:

Readers Theater is the reading of a text in a play-like fashion. I have written two scripts. The first script is geared towards pre-readers. The teacher reads the portion of the script that moves the story, and students respond with a refrain or simple lines that are repetitive and easy to learn. The second script is for written for first and second grade students. Although props and costumes can be involved in an elaborate Readers Theater, most involve the children simply reading the text with good fluency. By performing a Readers Theater, students are given an excellent reason to read, reread, and reread a text; they are practicing for a performance.

National Standards:

LANGUAGE ARTS: English

GRADES K - 12

[NL-ENG.K-12.2](#) Reading for Understanding

[NL-ENG.K-12.4](#) Communication Skills

[NL-ENG.K-12.5](#) Communication Strategies

FINE ARTS: Theatre

GRADES K - 4

[NA-T.K-4.2](#) Acting By Assuming Roles and Interacting In Improvisations

[NA-T.K-4.3](#) Designing by Visualizing and Arranging Environments for Classroom

Dramatizations

Alaska state standards:

The student reads text aloud by:

R1.3 Read text aloud with expression

[K] 1.3.1 Participating in choral speaking and reading short poems, rhymes, songs, or stories with repeated patterns

R1.4a Retell or dramatize a story after reading it

Learning Objectives:

The student will:

1. Perform *The Three Snow Bears* Readers Theater piece
2. Read with fluency and expression

Method of Assessment for Learning:

Teacher observation for the younger students. I have included a Readers Theater Rubric for older students.

Materials Students Need:

Highlighted copies of script, one for the teacher and one for each student.

3 bowls and spoons, 3 pairs of boots, and 3 beds

Technology Utilized to Enhance Learning: <http://www.aaronshep.com/rt/index.html>

Other Information:

PK- Kindergarten -Since this script is easy for students to memorize it would be easy to adapt to a play format. Select four students to play the parts of the three bears and Aloo-ki. The rest of the class, along with the teacher, would narrate the play.

First – Second Grade – The same is true with this age group, they could easily memorize parts to perform without scripts.

Modifications for Special Learners/ Enrichment Opportunities

PK – Kindergarten - Often there will be a pre-kindergarten or kindergarten student in your class that reads with smooth fluency. This student (or students) could be given the teacher's part for enrichment.